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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK 11/08/03	PREVIOUS WEEK 11/01/03
BRO-FRY	159,760	163,565
LT HENS	1,272	1,294
HVY HENS	1,197	1,422

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	175	0	175
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	100	4	104
SAME WEEK YR AGO	313	3	316
TO-DATE/2003	9,995	141	10,136
TO-DATE/2002	13,537	268	13,805

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

	TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,268	1,314	2,582
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,237	1,387	2,624
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,010	1,541	3,551
TO-DATE/2003	73,705	61,761	135,466
TO-DATE/2002	90,895	62,559	153,454

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,750	1,093	1,314	2,407
AVG WT	5.36	3.41	7.89	5.86
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	159,099	1,137	1,383	2,520
SAME WK YR AGO	155,193	1,697	1,538	3,235
AVG WT	5.24	3.29	8.04	5.55
TO-DATE/2003	6,771,580	63,710	61,620	125,330
TO-DATE/2002	6,843,963	77,358	62,291	139,649

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.7 million head or 2.5 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 25-Oct-2003**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	24,262	31,632	52,622
Avg Weight	3.77	4.77	6.29
% of total /1	22%	29%	48%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	28,310	24,861	52,102
Avg Weight	3.77	4.79	6.27
% of total /1	27%	24%	49%
Same week, yr ago /2	24,024	25,971	42,856
Avg Weight	3.76	4.92	6.16
% of total /1	26%	28%	46%
To date/2003	996,661	1,020,992	1,920,608
To date/2002	1,101,915	956,092	1,770,290

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Nov-03
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,391	3,124	55	2	5,572
AVG WT	16.13	33.98	25.85	62.54	26.25
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	1,801	3,022	78	0	4,901
SAME WK YR AGO	2,352	3,035	63	37	5,487
AVG WT	16.67	35.14	25.69	27.45	27.06
TO-DATE/2003	82,518	120,422	2,761	565	206,266
TO-DATE/2002	81,166	121,023	2,368	436	204,993

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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